

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday June 6, 2006, the following members were present:

Greg Jergeson, Chairman
Brad Molnar, Vice Chairman
Doug Mood, Commissioner
Robert H. Raney, Commissioner

Commissioner Tom Schneider left his proxies with Commissioner Jergeson.

APPEARANCE
Eric Eck, Utility Division

(211) In the matter of MDU Resources Group, Inc. – D2006.5.72 – On May 18, 2006, MDU Applied for authority for a three-for-two stock split on shares of issued Common Stock, to be effective on July 26, 2006 in the form of a fifty percent stock dividend, through the issuance of one additional share of Common Stock for every two shares of Common Stock held by the holders of record on the close of business on July 12, 2006. A default order has been drafted.

Commissioner Jergeson moved to approve MDU's application for issuance of additional common stock to provide for a three-for-two stock split. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Scott Fabel, Utility Division

(212) In the matter of Hot Springs Telephone Company – N2006.5.76 – on May 24, 2006 Hot Springs Telephone Company (HSTC) filed proposed Directory Assistance Tariffs. Due to the increased cost to HSTC it can no longer offer free call allowance for Directory Assistance. HSTC is submitting these tariffs with a free call allowance of three calls per subscriber per month.

Commissioner Mood moved to approve HSTC Directory Assistance tariffs in Docket N2006.5.76. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(213) In the matter of the Commission Minutes for the week of May 30, 2006:

Commissioner Raney moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of May 30, 2006. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Tim Sweeney, Legal Division

(214) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Qwest T-Mobile Filing – D2006.3.36:

Commissioner Raney moved to grant Montana Consumer Counsel's petition for late intervention in Docket D2006.3.36. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Candace Beery, Utility Division

(215) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of an update on FERC Order rejecting Broad Constrained Area (BCA) Mitigation Measures and the corresponding OMS Comments requesting late intervention and rehearing prior to OMS Board meeting on June 8, 2006.

Commissioner Jergeson moved that Montana support intervention and request for rehearing by OMS and the comments that accompany the filing and that Commissioner Jergeson be delegated authority to cast any votes on amendments. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Utility Division

(216) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of out-of-state staff travel:

Commissioner Mood moved to approve the travel request for Joel Tierney to attend Western National Association of Pipeline Safety Representatives annual meeting in Boise, ID June 12-16. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Staci Litschauer, Centralized Services Division

(217) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of payment for PSC's portion of COOP software and support per request of Governor's office:

Commissioner Jergeson moved to approve the payment of the PSC portion of \$91 and \$317 in state fiscal years 2006 and 2007 respectively, for the COOP software related to disaster recovery per the request of the Governor's office. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(218) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Kalispell Taxi and Airport Shuttle Service - T-06.08.OTH – schedule of payment of fine:

Commissioner Raney moved to permit Mr. Michael to make his remaining payments according to schedule. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed 4 to 0. Commissioner Schneider did not leave a proxy on this matter.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Administrator, Legal Division

(219) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of the District Court complaint against the Commission filed by Commissioner Molnar:

Commissioner Raney moved to authorize the legal staff to respond to the complaint filed against the PSC, First Judicial District Court, CDV 2006-372. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed 4 to 0. Commissioner Molnar excused himself from voting.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

GREG JERGSON, Chairman

BRAD MOLNAR, Vice Chairman

DOUG MOOD, Commissioner

ROBERT H. RANEY, Commissioner

THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Connie Jones
Commission Secretary

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